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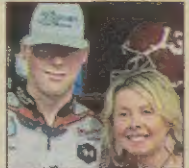
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Elba Chamber of Commerce building lost to Monday night fire

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Fire destroyed the Elba Chamber of Commerce building, a City of Elba-owned property, late Monday night, July 12. The fire was reported at 11:36 p.m. Monday night at the historic structure.

"The Chamber is appreciative of the efforts by the Elba Fire Department, and Elba Police Department, as well as the other responding fire units from Enterprise, Opp, and New Brockton," said Sandy Bynum Williams, Elba Chamber/Main Street director. "Unfortunately, the historic

structure was destroyed." Williams further thanked the staff of Enterprise Rescue for being on scene as well as the firefighters who worked diligently to contain the blaze.

The City of Elba acquired the Chamber building from Juliette Carolyn Stinson Brown of Feb. 20, 2002, and the house was moved a few yards east on Putnam Street to be used by the Elba Chamber of Commerce as its office.

This historic house originally was purchased by Pauline Stinson from F.M. Rushing on March 29, 1903. The Stinson family

owned the home for 102 years. It was located on Claxton Avenue, one block south of the Coffee County Courthouse prior to being moved to its current location in 2002.

Williams said the home, which was recently named as an Alabama Historic Landmark, was built in the late 1800's. It survived the 1929, 1990 and 1998 Elba floods.

The home had to be moved after being purchased by the city to the current location due to being in the path of the new levee being built around the city.

"While we are devastated by the loss, we know we are a growing and thriving community that meets adversity head on," Williams said. "Elba is open for business, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Elba will continue to actively support the needs of our city."

Firefighters remained on the scene until the early morning hours Tuesday, July 13. The cause of the fire had not been determined as of press time this week; however, it did appear the fire began in the back of the building [in the kitchen area].

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Elba Council extends sewer project contract by 210 days

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council voted Monday night, July 12, to extend the contract to allow more time for the ongoing sewer project in the city to be completed.

During the previous council meeting, city clerk Sally Bane said she had been in discussions with the project engineer, and neither she nor the engineer believed the contractor would be finished with the project by the contract's original finish date of July 21st. At that time, Bane said she fully expected the contractor, Blankenship Contracting Inc. of Dothan,

Ala., to request a contract extension.

Monday night, Mayor Tom Maddox said that extension request had arrived earlier in the day Monday for the council to consider. He said the contractor requested an additional 210 days to complete the sewer project work in Elba; however, the mayor added that the contractor felt the project would be completed well before the 210 days, which would extend the project to February 2022.

Council members had a lengthy discussion as to

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This photo from the Elba Chamber fire shows firefighters utilizing a ladder truck from the Enterprise Fire Department to dump water atop of the building. This task was being performed around 1:30 a.m. early Tuesday morning after the initial blaze had been contained. Firefighters remained on scene for several more hours.

City of Elba announces planned power outage for Thursday night

Periodically it is necessary for Elba Water & Electric's electric department employees to perform electrical maintenance in various areas of the city.

On Thursday, July 15, from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m., a planned electrical outage will occur in Elba. The areas that will be affected are as follows:

1. Mulberry Heights
2. Downtown Elba

Please take into consideration that these times are estimates only; however, the linemen will work to restore power to affected customers as soon as possible.

For any questions regarding the outage, call Sally Bane, Elba City Clerk, at (334) 897-2333.

Coffee County BOE approves superintendent's contract with Kelly Cobb

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education voted Thursday, July 8, during the board's regular monthly meeting to approve the superintendent's contract for Kelly Cobb.

In approving the contract with Cobb, the board further voted for chairman Brian McLeod to execute that contract on behalf of the board.

Next, the board approved a motion for an employment transfer agreement with outgoing superintendent Kevin Killingsworth. The motion noted Killingsworth would, effective July 12, transfer positions to be employed as a special consultant to the board. McLeod also was authorized to execute this employment agreement on behalf of the board.

Board members each took an opportunity to congratulate Cobb on becoming the next superintendent of schools for the Coffee County School System.

"You've got a tough row to hoe," board member Mike Bailey said as he congratulated Cobb and welcomed her as superintendent.



Board member Sherry Eddins, board member Brandi Carr, Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth, board chairman Brian McLeod, and board member Galen McWaters are shown during last Thursday night's meeting. This was Killingsworth's last official board meeting as superintendent. On Monday, July 12, he transferred to be a special consultant to the board as Kelly Cobb took on the role of superintendent of schools.

tendent. "My thoughts are with you."

Board member Galen McWaters added to Bailey's comments, "We're going to make it as easy to hoe as possible."

McWaters further said he was looking forward to working with Cobb in her new role as superintendent of schools.

Board member Sherry Eddins added, "We know there are big things to come, and I am proud of you and for you."

Chairman McLeod also congratulated Cobb on her new position with Coffee

County Schools, and he thanked Killingsworth on the job he had done as superintendent. As he congratulated Killingsworth on retiring, McLeod jokingly noted that Killingsworth was not old enough to be retiring.

"It has been a challenging three years, but Mr. Killingsworth has handled things very well," McLeod said. "This is definitely a well-earned retirement."

Killingsworth took a moment to thank everyone for allowing him to serve as superintendent. He said he had enjoyed his 11

years working with Coffee County Schools in several capacities, to include serving as a vice-principal, principal, system administrator, and then superintendent. He retires with 30-plus years overall in education.

"I could not have done the things I have done without the help and support of all the employees here," Killingsworth said. I want to thank them. I also would like to congratulate Mrs. Cobb."

Several additional personnel matters were rec-

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SMALL PLANE CRASHES NEAR AIRPORT IN ELBA...At approximately 8:15 p.m. Saturday night, July 10, emergency personnel in Elba were dispatched to a reported plane crash in the area of the Carl Folsom Airport in Elba. Elba's 911 Dispatch was told it was a small plane with two pilots on board. After Elba firefighters and police arrived on scene, more information from the 911 caller, the instructor pilot, it was determined the aircraft had crashed in a heavily wooded area near the airport (shown above). An Elba fire crew, along with an Enterprise Rescue crew, were deployed to the crash site via Elba Fire ATV 1. Dale County Air 1 and a Flatiron helicopter from Ft. Rucker also arrived on scene overhead to help direct on-ground responders to the site of the crash. When Elba Fire ATV1 made it to the crash site, the two occupants were removed from the plane and returned to the airport where ambulances were located. It was determined that both occupants of the plane had escaped this crash relatively uninjured. The FAA and NTSB were contacted, and the crash scene was turned over to those agencies for investigation. The names of the two occupants have not been released by emergency personnel that were on scene. Local agencies that responded to this incident were: Elba Fire, New Brockton Fire, Elba Police, Coffee County Sheriff's Dept., ALEA Troopers, Enterprise Rescue, Dale County Sheriff's Dept., Flatiron, Coffee County E911, and Coffee County EMA.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet Thursday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. for a called board meeting. This meeting will be held in the central office on the school campus.

THE MULBERRY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY FUN DAY will be Saturday, July 17, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Gaynes C. Waters Memorial Park in Elba. This fun day is presented by the Mulberry Heights Community Coalition. There will be free hot dogs, music, inflatables, and many games, including a kick-ball tournament. For more information, call Tamara Hammonds at (334) 709-1138 or Karizmah Magwood at (334) 389-6249.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." — Nelson Mandela

America is knocking down statues, changing the names of army bases, college buildings, etc. all in the name of political correctness. That has so excited folks that there are now critics of the American flag, Declaration of Independence, Statue of Liberty, Christopher Columbus, etc. Some are shooting holes in the memories of Thomas Jefferson, Abe Lincoln, George Washington — basically because they lived in another era in history. We read yesterday that a statue to the Indian woman who helped Lewis and Clark make that first trip across to the west coast is being taken down — why? The list goes on and on. Enough is enough!! We are proud of the American flag and recall the thrill the first time we saw the Statue of Liberty and can only imagine the pride and excitement of the early immigrants when approaching Ellis Island for the first time. This country was guided in the early days by Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and hundreds more you have read about in the history books plus the many who didn't get their name in the book but helped carve a great country from the wilderness. Yes there are some black marks on things done way back then . . . but also yesterday, and tomorrow. Lots of folks are avid recyclers, wanting to protect things for future generations. We can see that developing to the point a hundred years from now when someone finds a picture of an aluminum can in someone's yard back in 2021, or they served in the military during the Vietnam War and gets a petition to remove their name from the tombstone in the cemetery! Sounds silly? Yes today it is, but think how our founding fathers would have reacted to some of the 'stuff' being batted around today and who knows what will be politically correct down the road.

We attended a family reunion last Saturday. The exact number escapes our brain but records show it has survived for something over 140 years. Last year it was attended by a handful of family members and this year was much better but far below normal. Society is still skittish about COVID, and justly so. The picture here is of a kid from Texas who did a fairly good job with his plate of MacMac but appears to be a pro with a slice of watermelon! We didn't ask but could tell from his devouring of the melon that this was not his first taste of watermelon. Mother was urging "don't mess up your shirt" and dad and grandad were sitting across the table laughing! She probably had some extra clothes for him but then home is many hours away and she probably didn't bring a whole wardrobe.



A Monday night fire destroyed the local Chamber of Commerce building. The cause is unknown as this is being written on Tuesday, but whatever the cause the building is virtually destroyed, along with most of the contents.

Elba Masonic Lodge #170 installs new officers

Elba Masonic Lodge #170 installed officers for the coming year in a solemn ceremony held Saturday night, July 10, following a hearty meal prepared by family members.

Those installed include (pictured at right) Wendell Black, Worshipful Master; Ed Kelley Jr., Senior Warden; Joel Moore, Junior Warden; Daniel Stephens, Treasurer; Harry Young, Secretary; Michael Phelps, Chaplain; William Arnold, Marshal; Stephen Sharpe, Historian; Michael Amison, Senior Deacon; Troy Gideon III, Junior Deacon; Dorman Richards, Senior Steward; John Sanders, Junior Steward; and Bert Burriel, Tiler.

The Opp Masonic Lodge officers, also were installed along with the Elba officers during this ceremony.



Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou is filled with thankfulness this week!

For several weeks now, Lou Lou has been fretting over a potential health issue doctors thought they had discovered with Sister, and while Lou Lou loves to pick on and aggravate Sister to no end...well...Sister is just too special to Lou Lou for anything to happen to her.

After a CT scan revealed a larger than normal pituitary gland, Sister was sent to a neurosurgeon with the possibility of their being a tumor on the gland. Sister got the MRI the neurosurgeon said would be necessary to know "for sure" if there was a tumor there or not.

Fast forward to Monday, and Lou Lou accompanied Sister to visit with the doctor and find out the results... NO TUMOR!!

Now, Lou Lou can assure everyone that there have been lots of prayers sent up on Sister's behalf over the past few weeks, and now more than ever, Lou Lou believes those prayers absolutely worked!

The neurosurgeon jokingly told Sister upon her first visit that while her job was to "pray for no tumor" he would be praying for a tumor because he likes doing those surgeries! While that didn't sit well with Sister, the doctor

revealed more this week.

Turns out, he fully expected the MRI to reveal a tumor based on his long-time experience and expertise on the pituitary gland. He said looking at the gland on the original CT scan, it just "looked like there was a tumor there."

Years ago, before MRI's and other advanced technologies, the doctor said Sister would have been diagnosed with a tumor based on the original findings and put through the necessary treatment/surgery.

Well...NO TUMOR led to a surprised doctor. When Lou Lou asked the why of the enlarged pituitary gland, he said it's just part of who Sister is — explaining that some people are right-handed while others are left-handed, some have blonde hair while others have brown — Sister just has a larger than more pituitary.

In the words of the neurosurgeon, "Praise the Lord!" Lou Lou is so thankful for everyone that expressed concern for Sister during this time, and she is even more thankful for all those prayers that went up on Sister's behalf!

According to Sister, "We all prayed it away!" Lou Lou believes Sister is absolutely correct!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, July 6, 2021, and Monday, July 12, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, July 6 — Animal complaint reported at 176 Lindsey St (8:01 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 711 Claxton Ave N (9:09 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Court Ave (9:28 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 892 Claxton Ave N (10:41 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1690 Hickman Ave (10:57 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 329 Sollie Dr (11:22 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Larkin Rd (12:28 p.m.); Report of shots fired at Kennedy Estates (12:45 p.m.); Harassment reported on Kennedy Dr (3:14 p.m.). There were eight traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one arrest, four citations, two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, July 7 — Suspicious person reported at Primary Eyecare of Elba (8:08 a.m.); Report of the road blocked on Davis St E (9:01 a.m.); ATV complaint reported on Seminole Circle (2:21 p.m.); Harassment reported at 883 Troy Hwy (5:45 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr — an arrest was made (7:21 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 51, two miles from County Rd 143 (7:23 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Davis St E and Old Samson Rd (8:40 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 221 Davis St E (8:49 p.m.).

Thursday, July 8 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 1050 Neil Grantham Dr (12:23 a.m.); Harassment reported at 702 Newton St (3:57 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Old Samson Rd (4:16 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 990 Hwy 203 (5:26 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in three citations, and one written warning.

Friday, July 9 — Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier St (7:06 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Davis St E (7:45 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 412 Claxton

Ave N (11:06 a.m.); Noise complaint reported at 627 Lee St (12:51 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 661 Davis St E (2:26 p.m.); Fire reported at 234 Old Samson Rd (3:13 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Brunson Circle (4:34 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 878 Claxton Ave N (5:22 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported on Reynolds Ave (5:35 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 19734 Hwy 189 (8:41 p.m.); Burglary reported at 76 County Rd 368 (9:28 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 702 Newton St (9:53 p.m.); Burglary reported at 331 Putnam St (11:23 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date resulting in a citation.

Saturday, July 10 — Harassment reported at 1123 Farris Ave (11:51 a.m.); Aircraft incident [crash] reported at 301 Larkin Rd (8:15 p.m.); Receiving stolen property reported at 343 Brunson Circle (10:37 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date resulting in three citations and two written warnings.

Sunday, July 11 — Report of shots fired at 967 Elm Ave (12:48 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 990 Hwy 203 (11:44 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (4:45 p.m.); Fight reported on Farris Ave (9:06 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1770 Hickman Ave (9:18 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two citations, and two written warnings.

Monday, July 12 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 442 County Rd 263 (3:35 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1625 Parker St (5:25 a.m.); Fight reported on Troy Hwy (10:21 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1443 Cherokee Lane (11:16 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 — the driver was issued a warning (8:56 p.m.); Fire reported at 329 Putnam St — Elba Chamber of Commerce (11:36 p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one citation, and one written warning.



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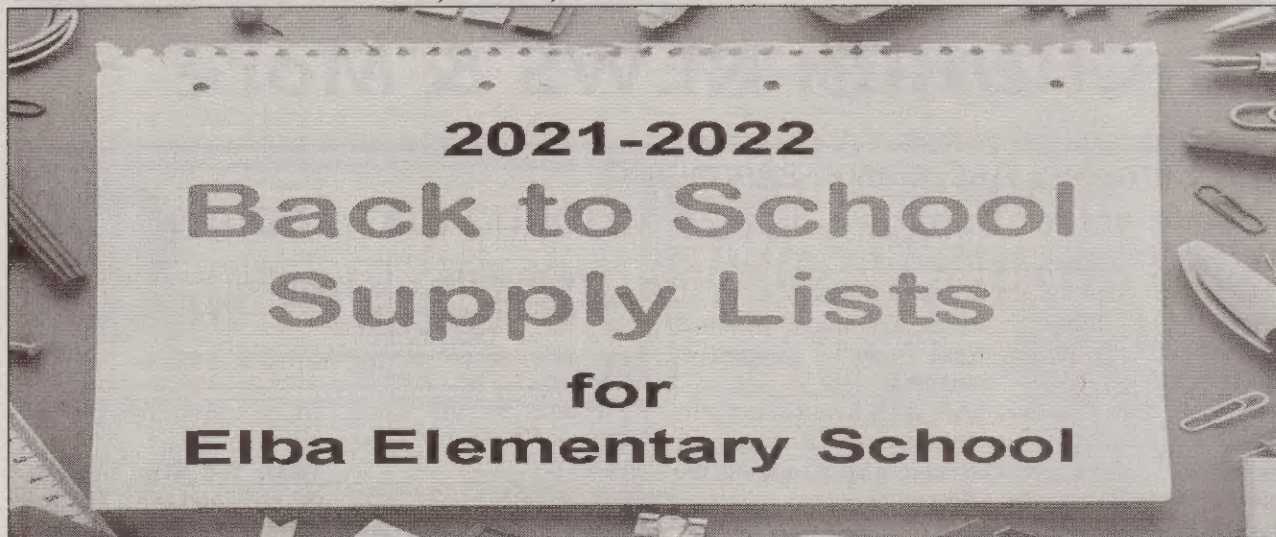
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- Child Does Need 2 Beach-Sized Towels (no blanket, pillows or rest mat due to size and space).
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- Regular Sized Backpack

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Kindergarten

- 1 Binder (1 ½ inches with clear front and back outside pocket)
- 1 Pack Sheet Protectors (50 count)
- 2 Bottles of Elmer's Brand glue (no gels, no glue sticks)
- 1 Box Crayola Brand Crayons 8-Count
- 4 Boxes Crayola Brand Crayons 24-Count
- 1 Red One Subject Notebook
- 1 Yellow One Subject Notebook
- 3 Packs of Pencils with No Design
- 1 Pack of Pink Large Erasers
- 1 Pair of Fiskars Brand Scissors
- 6 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 4 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
- 3 Bottles of Lysol Wipes
- 1 Can of Lysol Spray
- 1 Pack of Highlighters
- 1 Nylon Pouch for Crayons (No Supply Boxes)
- 1 Pair of Headphones (No Ear Buds)
- 10 Pack of Expo Dry Erase markers (Low Odor) – Black
- \$2.00 Weekly Folder
- Girls: Ziploc Quart Bags (1 Box Slider Zip)
- Boys: Ziploc Zipper Gallon Bags (1 Box Slider Zip)
- *Send One Complete Change of Clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, and socks) in a Gallon Size Bag with Child's Name On It
- * Label Items with Your Child's Name
- * No Rolling Backpacks or Supply Boxes

First Grade

- 1 Backpack (no rolling)
- 3 One-Inch, Three-Ring Binders (white) with clear front insert page holder
- 4 Primary Composition Notebooks
- 3 Packs Clear Page Protectors
- 1 Pack Primary Writing Paper
- 4 Plastic Three-Prong folders with pockets (red, yellow, green, and black)
- 5 Packs Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
- 1 Pack Multi-Colored Construction Paper
- 5 Packs Glue Sticks (no liquid glue)
- 4 Boxes Crayola Crayons
- 1 Pair blunt Fiskar Scissors
- 1 Pack Yellow Highlighters
- 3 Packs Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Expo Dry Eraser
- 1 Pack Cap Erasers
- 1 Pack Jumbo Pink Erasers
- 1 Large Crayon/Pencil Zipper Pouch (no plastic crayon boxes)
- 1 Pair Headphones (no wireless/no earbuds)
- 3 Boxes Facial Tissue
- 2 Bottles Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Large Bottle Hand Soap
- 6 Rolls Paper Towels
- 3 Containers Lysol Wipes
- Boys: 1 Box Ziploc Gallon Size Bags
- Girls: 1 Box Ziploc Quart Size Bags
- \$2 for Weekly Wednesday Folders

Second Grade

- 2 Pair Fiskars Scissors
- 5 Packs #2 Pencils (24-Count)
- 5 Packs Jumbo Pink Erasers (4-Count)
- 3 Packs of Glue Sticks (4 Pack)
- 1 Pack Highlighters (4 Pack)
- 5 One Subject Composition Notebooks
- 4 Plastic Folders with Pockets (One Each – red, blue, green, yellow)
- 1 Binder with Clear Front Pocket (1 ½ inch)
- 1 Pack Heavy Duty Sheet Protectors (100 Count)
- 1 Pencil Pouch
- 6 Rolls Paper Towels
- 6 Boxes Kleenex
- 3 Black Expo Dry Erase Markers (4 Pack)
- 2 Bottles Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Bottle Hand Soap
- 4 Containers Lysol Wipes
- Lysol Spray
- Girls: 1 Box Ziploc Easy Slide Quart Size Bags
- Boys: 1 Box Ziploc Easy Slide Gallon Size Bags
- Earbuds or Headphones
- Backpack (no rolling)

\$2 for Weekly Folder

- *Label all items with Your Child's Name
- * No Rolling Backpacks

Third Grade

- 6 Bound Composition Notebooks (Not Spiral Bound – yellow, orange, green, blue, purple, red)
- 6 Plastic Folders (yellow, orange, green, blue, purple, red)
- 3 Packs of Wide-Rule Notebook Paper
- 3 Packs #2 Yellow Pencils (2-Count packs, no mechanical)
- 3 Large Glue Sticks
- 2 Packs Sheet Protectors
- 2 Packs Jumbo Pink Erasers
- 2 Packs Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
- 1 Binder (2 inch) with front plastic cover
- 1 Pack (4 count) Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Supply Pouch (no boxes)
- 1 Pack Highlighters
- 1 Pack Index Cards
- 1 Pair Scissors
- 1 Pair Headphones
- 1 Refill Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- 3 Rolls Paper Towels
- 6 Boxes Kleenex
- 4 Containers Clorox Wipes
- \$2 for Weekly Folder
- Girls: 1 Box Quart Ziploc Bags
- Boys: 1 Box Gallon Ziploc Bags
- *No Rolling Bookbags

Fourth Grade

- 1 Binder (2 inch) or Trapper Keeper
- 5 Composition Notebooks
- 3 Packs Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper
- 5 Pack Pencils (wooden or mechanical)
- 2 Boxes Crayons
- 1 Zippered Pencil Pouch with 3 Holes to fit in binder (no boxes)
- 2 Highlighters, any color
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Pack Dry Erase Markers (4 Count)
- 6 Rolls Paper Towels
- 4 Boxes Facial Tissues
- 1 Large Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Bottle Hand Soap
- 2 Containers Clorox Wipes
- 1 Box Ziploc Bags (Boys: Gallon Size; Girls: Quart Size)
- 1 Pack Multiplication Flash Cards
- 1 Pair Scissors
- 2 Red Ink Pens
- 2 Black or Blue Ink Pens
- 1 Pair Headphones
- Optional Supplies: Colored Pencils w/ Handheld Sharpener;
- 1 Pack Cardstock (White or Colored)

Fifth and Sixth Grades

- Supply Pouch (no boxes)
- 3 Packs Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper
- 1 Pack Graph Paper
- 5 One-Subject Spiral Bound Notebooks
- 1 Three-Subject Notebook
- 1 Five-Subject Notebook
- 1 Plastic Folder with Pockets
- 1 Basic Function Calculator
- 3 Packs Mechanical Pencils
- 1 Pair Scissors
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 5 Glue Sticks
- 1 Pack of Sticky Post-It Notes
- 1 Pair Headphones (no earbuds)
- 1 Box Quart Ziploc Bags (girls only)
- 2 Box Gallon Ziploc Bags (boys only)
- 6 Rolls Paper Towels
- 4 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- 4 Containers Clorox Wipes
- \$2 for Weekly Folder
- No Rolling Bookbags
- No Binders or Trapper Keepers

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Dealing with Grief During Summer Holidays and Vacations

Summer is a favorite season for many people. Unfortunately, when you are grieving the loss of a loved one the first summer without them can bring about many challenges. Holidays, parties, and trips may no longer be as fun without your loved one. These events can trigger memories that can in turn magnify your grief.

Holidays. There are several major holidays that occur in the summer. If these were important holidays for you and your loved one you may find them difficult to cope with. The extra time off may leave you feeling more alone. This can be even more difficult given parties and gatherings where you might have been able to spend time with other loved ones may be limited due to social distancing. It may be helpful to plan ahead for these holiday breaks. If you can't be with other friends or family, try to plan an activity to keep busy. You can make plans to talk or video chat with friends and family if you can't see them in person.

On the other hand, there may be some smaller group gatherings happening and you may decide you don't want to attend. This is okay too. If you find you are able to spend a holiday with friends and family, it's ok to leave early if you get tired or overwhelmed.

Vacations. Summer is a big travel season for most people. If you and your loved one used to travel together, it can be difficult to get used to traveling alone. You may also find your travel plans will have to be adjusted or canceled due to current restrictions.

If you are still able to keep your travel plans, make sure to plan activities to keep yourself busy. You may also want to make plans to check in regularly with other friends and family while you are on your trip.

However, if your travel plans are canceled, you may want to plan a staycation at home. Try doing something you wouldn't normally do. Visit some new spots near your home for a hike, try a new class (online if necessary), or try some new water sports such as paddle boarding or kayaking.

Remember to continue to reach out to friends and family and take care of yourself. Though this season of grief is challenging, keep in mind you will eventually start to heal.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesth@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>**EVELYN FLORINE GALIMORE**

Mrs. Evelyn Florine Galimore, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, July 10, 2021, at her home in Elba.

Funeral services were held July 12, 2021 from Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Gunter Akridge, Rev. Olan Strickland, Rev. Wayne Webber and Rev. Fred Fowler officiating. Burial services followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery.



The Galimore family asked that memorial contributions be made to Pine Level Community Cemetery, 7980 Hwy 141, Elba, AL, 36323.

Mrs. Galimore was preceded in death by her husband, Willand Durell Galimore; parents, Johnie and Jessie Heath Bryan; three brothers, Elmer, Mike and Bud Bryan.

Survivors include her daughters: Judy (Jerry) Brown, Prattville, Ala., Gwen (Jack) Mullinax, and Lisa (Dudley) Stinson, both of Elba; brother: Donnon Bryan, Elba; six grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

**BOOK SIGNING AT ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY...**

Music legend and Coffee County native Paul Hornsby was at the Elba Public Library last Wednesday, July 7, signing copies of his book "Fix It In The Mix." Hornsby was born on a farm near Elba and attended school in New Brockton. He got his first guitar as a young child, learned to play it and has never looked back. He was inducted into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in 2010. The title of the book comes from a term heard often in recording studios when some portion of a recorded song just sound just right. Above, Hornsby (left) talks with Elba resident Vernette Maddox as he signs a book.

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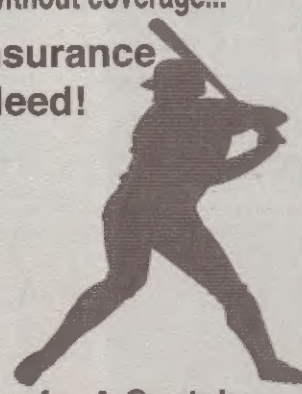
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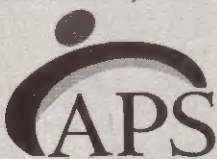
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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

Elba United Methodist Church
503 Davis Street, Elba, AL

So [Rahab] lowered the spies on a rope through the window. Her house was on the outer side of the city wall, and she lived inside the wall. Then she said to them, "Go toward the highlands so that those chasing you don't run into you. Hide there for three days until those chasing you return. Then you may go on your way."

The men said to her, "We won't be responsible for this pledge you made us swear unless, when we come into the land, you tie this red woven cord in the window through which you lowered us. Gather your father, your mother, your brothers, and your whole family into the house with you. Those who go outside the doors of your house into the street will have only themselves to blame for their own deaths. We won't be responsible. If anyone lays a hand on those who are with you in the house, we will take the blame for their death. But if you reveal our mission, we won't be responsible for this pledge you made us swear."

She said, "These things will happen just like you said." She sent them away and they went off. Then she tied the red cord in the window.

Every morning, I try to take part in the traditional Morning Prayer of which are various versions and even some apps for smart devices. Each day has a regular rhythm to it with the scripture readings changing daily, and sometimes a hero of the faith or a saint, depending upon your tradition, is lifted up.

Last night as I looked ahead to the week and who the saints would be, I was stunned to see that in the Episcopal Church they recommend for this Friday to lift up the "Righteous Gentiles". Perhaps you know who these individuals are, but this was an alien term for me. After some internet searches, I found that these are non-Jewish individuals that the nation of Israel lifts up who aided the Jewish people during the Holocaust.

After the end of World War II, these individuals were offered to become a part of Israel and receive all the benefits of being a full citizen. Many of these "Righteous Gentiles" were foreign diplomats who were stationed in European countries or small communities throughout Europe that when the Nazis began first harassing, then imprisoning, and finally exterminating the Jewish population provided safe haven or even escape. Many of these "Righteous Gentiles" forged travel documents, opened their homes, and risked their lives to save both friends and total strangers.

The reading for Friday comes from the Book of Joshua, and is about Rahab, a Gentile prostitute who sheltered Israelite spies in her home and aided the nation of Israel as the entered the Promised Land. She is seen as a "Righteous Gentile", alongside Raoul Wallenberg (a Swedish humanitarian who issued Jewish people Swedish passports and hid them), Hiram Bingham IV (an American diplomat who hid Jewish people in his home), Carl Lutz (a Swiss diplomat who negotiated with the Nazis to safely transport Jewish people from Hungary to the Middle East), Chiune Sugihara (a Japanese official who forged travel papers for thousands to escape), and André and Magda Trocmé (French, Protestant ministers who rallied their whole communities to shelter tens of thousands of Jewish people). These were individuals who simply could have not gotten involved, but their faith and their humanity called them into action.

This week, I will be reflecting upon who the Lord is calling upon me to join them in their struggle. I will strive to broaden my concern to not be just myself, my family, my friend, my community, but for those for whom it would be easy to pretend I do not notice their hardship. I invite you to join me in this endeavor, and consider praying this prayer this Friday:

God of the Covenant and Lord of the Exodus, by the hand of Moses you delivered your chosen people from cruel enslavement: We give you thanks for Raoul Wallenberg and all those Righteous Gentiles who with compassion, courage and resourcefulness rescued thousands of your children from certain death. Grant that, in the power of your Spirit, we may protect the innocent of every race and creed in the Name of Jesus Christ, strong Deliverer of us all; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CHURCH NEWS & More

Zoar Cemetery Association annual meeting set for Saturday, July 24

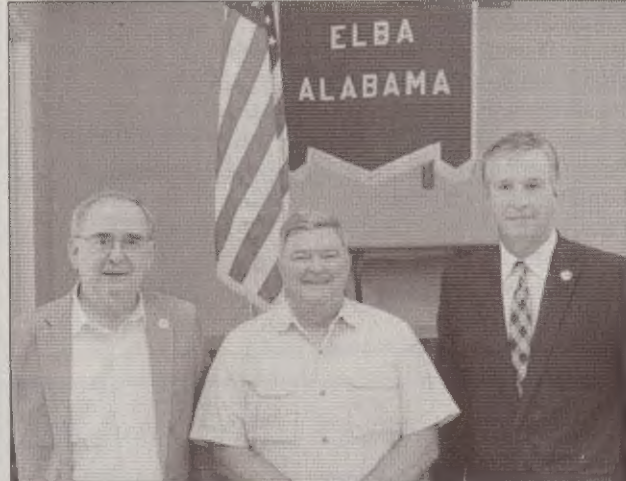
The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988.

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 24, at Zoar Cemetery, located on County Road 331, at 10 a.m. Continued personal and financial support is needed.

Coffee County Baptist Association announces upcoming VBS programs

The Coffee County Baptist Association shares a list of Vacation Bible School opportunities for its member churches, including:

- Newbia Baptist Church - July 15-17 [July 15-16]
- Victoria Baptist Church - July 17 [9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.]
- Church on Boll Weevil Circle - July 25-28 [5:30-8 p.m.]



U.S. Congressman Barry Moore, representing Alabama's 2nd Congressional District, spoke with members and guests at the Elba Rotary Club meeting Tuesday, July 6. Representative Moore reported on numerous topics and answered questions. He encouraged the group to contact his offices in the district for any assistance needed, particularly in the area of veteran's benefits. Moore and members of his staff who were with him also met with Elba Mayor Tom Maddox and City Clerk Sally Bane regarding issues of concern to the City. Pictured (l to r): Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, Elba Rotary Immediate Past President Ken Wilson, and Rep. Moore.

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Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Perfect Revelation of the Lord [Psalm 19: 1-14 read please]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Mamie Belcher, Vincent Smith, Rev. Stanley Woodfolk and Family, Clarice Fitch, Family of the late Mary Blair, Bill S. Kelley, Families of the late Willie Dorsey Smith, Isaiah Franklin Jr., Joe Rudolph

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Shelly Davis Jr. 7/11 (in memory)
Leona Siler 7/12
Afrenee Kelley 7/12
Curtis O Kelley 7/13
Connie Bones 7/13
Jakori J. Warren 7/13
Brandon Wade 7/13
Rita Gray 7/13
Patrick Tyson 7/14
Ida Martin 7/17
Bandy Tarelle Kelley 7/17
Reginald and Priscilla Sanders 7/17 W.A.
Tatianna Parker 7/17

Judging Appearance

Have you ever found yourself in front of a fruit stand, searching for the shiniest apple or the largest orange with the brightest color? You finally choose one, the best you can find, only to get home and discover it is no good on the inside. It is either not quite ripe, or it has decayed inside and is no longer fit for consumption. Another, less beautiful, fruit might have been the better choice after all. Jesus asks in Matthew 11:7,8 "What went ye out...to see?" He tells us that men in soft clothing are to be found in Kings' houses, not in wilderness areas. Only earnest seekers would be able to look past John the Baptist's rough clothing to the truth he taught. His garments weren't sewn with gold

stitching and his grooming was not up to par, but his message was!

When you hear the gospel preached, what matters more: the outward appearance of the messenger or the quality of the message itself? — P.M.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 7/15/21

Multiple Choice

Q: In the Old Testament Book of Zechariah 8: Who expressed jealousy? (the Lord) (Zion) (Judah)

A: The Lord [Zechariah 8:2]

Q: Jeremiah condemned the hand of whom? (a liar) (an oppressor) (a false prophet)

A: Oppressor [Jeremiah 22:3]

Q: God's roar like what creature was a call for Israel to come home? (bear) (lion) (tiger)

A: Lion [Hosea 11:10]

Thought to Remember

The Bible contains the vitamins, for a healthy soul

Questions for the Week of 7/22/21

True or False

Q: Solomon wanted all earth's people to know that the Lord alone was God.

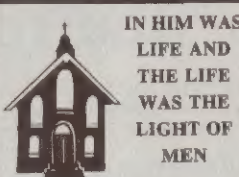
Q: Jesus said to give openly to set a good example for others.

Q: We are to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETH EL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training: 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA IS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. K. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Knifinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olivia Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service: 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Glenwood, AL
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRASE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROKTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service: 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I know times have changed and kids today have grown up much faster than we did back in the days, but I am afraid that my young grandson Lawson is beginning to grow tired of his 'ole Granddaddy telling him to find something different to watch or listen to when he gets on his laptop while visiting. There are just some words that I don't want to hear and I don't think my grandson needs to hear, even if he can't really control what is said on a certain site. What happened to cartoons?

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers got back to work* last week after a couple of days off and it is easy to see the players and coaches are all determined to get back to the playoffs this season. The players hit the weight room every day before going outside, and then ignore the heat and humidity and work hard on the field to improve in all areas. This looks like a very dedicated group of players and coaches, and I am already looking forward to the intra-squad game at Miller Memorial Stadium to see the Tigers dressed out and in action.

*** *Teams all across the area are hard at work* in preparation for the upcoming season and if the hard work pays off it should be quite a season ahead. New Brockton has hosted a number of seven-on-seven competitions and is determined to bounce back from last season's one win disaster, while up at Zion Chapel the Rebel are also competing against bigger schools in their attempt to bounce back from a one win season. Down at Kinston, the Bulldogs are putting in some long hours on the field and in the weight room and feel like a winning season is within their grasp, while over at Brantley the Bulldogs are working hard to overcome the bad taste left in their mouths after losing the semifinals.

*** *The folks down in Mobile* announced back in the spring plans to build on-campus football stadiums at a number of high schools, but for this season the place to be for high school football fans will once again be Ladd-Peebles Stadium. The downtown stadium used for the Senior Bowl will host a total of 21 high school games, including seven Thursday night games and three games on Saturday afternoon. The new weekend season will kick off on Saturday, Aug. 21, when 'The Battle of Prichard' will pit Blount against Vigor, while the schedule will be packed for the rest of the season. Ladd-Peebles is the home field for Vigor, LeFlore, Murphy and Williamson, which means there aren't enough days in the week for all the Mobile teams to play at the stadium. Davidson will play its home games at Baker High School, B.C. Rain will play its home games at Trimmer Park and the St. Paul's-Vigor game will be played on a Thursday night at Theodore. If you are a high school football fan, Mobile will be the place to be.

*** *Auburn's new football coach Bryan Harsin* is being dubbed the 'Bandit from Boise' as he continues to add transfers from other colleges. The fact he is adding players at a record pace has opened eyes, but the fact he has already added transfers from three SEC schools is unheard of! So far the Tigers have added one player from Vanderbilt, LSU and Georgia, and while it is legal, it is just something that hasn't happened before in the conference. It looks like the new Auburn coach is determined to win, no matter whose players he has to use.

*** *It looks like LSU gymnast Olivia Dunne* could soon become a millionaire thanks to the NCAA's new rules regarding an athlete's use of their name, image and likeness (NIL). The sophomore from New Jersey has 1.1 million followers on Instagram and 3.9 million followers on TikTok, and could use those 5 million followers to make some big money. Athletes are allowed to get endorsements for social media activity, and can earn \$20 per follower on Instagram, \$3-4 per follower on TikTok, \$10 per one thousand followers on Twitter and \$4-7 per follower on YouTube. Other ways the athletes can now make money are through autograph sessions, photos with fans and their presence on video games. Amateur athletics at the college level is about to end.

*** *A friend of mine asked me last week* if Elba Tiger football would still be aired live on the radio and internet since WVVL has closed its station in Enterprise. The answer is a resounding "YES." WVVL has moved to the WOOF-FM studio in Dothan, but is still on the air at 101.1 FM and now provides sports talk radio twenty-four hours a day. Mike Holderfield, the owner of both WVVL and WOOF, is a former Elba Tiger and has made it clear the Tigers will still be on the air for every game this season. Rest easy, Tiger fans, you will still be able to hear your team every Friday night at 101.1 FM.

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Elba Tigers have rich football history

The Elba Tigers are preparing for their 100th season on the gridiron in 2021 and over the past century have enjoyed a rich history with multiple state championships and memorable battles against teams from across the area and state.

Elba has had many rivals on the field of battle over the years, with none more present on the schedule than the Opp Bobcats, a team the Tigers have played a total of 85 times. Other rivalries during the long history include Luverne (74 games), Charles Henderson (54 games), Andalusia (53 games), Brantley (44 games) and Geneva County (42 games).

The Tigers success on the gridiron fills the history books at Elba High, and over the past century the Tigers have posted over 500 wins. The most wins against an opponent include Luverne (42), Opp (41), Geneva (35), Brantley (32), Charles Henderson (31) and Andalusia (30).

Elba's long football history against Opp includes a number of games that made headlines in the history books. The first game played between the two longtime rivals was back in 1923, when the Tigers lost by a 1-0 forfeit, while the first win over the Bobcats came in 1925 when the Tigers eased to a 6-0 victory. Elba lost four straight games between 1956-1959 by a combined score of 124-6, but claimed its biggest win over the Bobcats in 1984 when they rolled to a lopsided 50-6 win. The wildest game came in 2006 when the Tigers survived a 55-54 triple overtime win. The Tigers won seven straight games during the 2001-2010 time span, and will enter this season riding



WALL OF CHAMPIONS.... Ricky Haywood, the owner of Haywood Discount Drugs, announced back in the late 1980's that when a Tiger team won a state championship their autographs would be added to this sign painted on the side of the building. Two state championship teams left their mark before the drug store was closed following the second of two floods that decimated the downtown area.

a four game winning streak over their oldest rivals.

Elba enjoyed a long and memorable history in football against the Luverne Tigers. The first meeting back in 1923 ended in a 6-6 tie, while the Tigers first win came in 1940 when they posted a 26-12 victory. Elba claimed seven straight wins from 1949-1955 by a combined score of 171-20, and from 1968-1980 rolled to 13 straight wins and scored in the thirties four times and scored in the forties once.

Other interesting pages in the history book include:

*** *Coffee Springs* – The Tigers played the Bears twice back in 1937 and 1938 and posted wins by a combined score of 100-6.

*** *Dozier* – The Tigers had a four game history with the former Crenshaw County team and posted a 2-1-1 record. Elba won the first meeting 19-0 in 1928, while the last meeting in

1937 ended in a 0-0 tie.

*** *Dothan* – The Tigers claimed only one win in the eight game series against the largest school in the area and posted a 1-6-1 record. Elba was winless until the last meeting back in 1954, when the Tigers claimed an historic 13-0 win in the Peanut Bowl.

*** *Enterprise* – The Tigers had limited success against their cross-county neighbors as they posted a 9-33-2 record. Elba either lost or tied the first 16 games in the series, but from 1949-1955 claimed seven straight wins, and in the 1953 and 1954 seasons won by a combined score of 74-0.

*** *Kinston* – The Tigers met their county rivals a total of five times and rolled to a 5-0 record. The first win came back in 1929 by a score of 27-0, while the last win was in 2019 by a score of 40-14.

*** *Marion Military* –

The Tigers played the team filled with high school graduates and soldiers in training only once, and back in 1948, on a Sunday afternoon, were no match as they dropped a 40-12 decision.

*** *New Brockton* – The Tigers have taken the field against their closest neighbors a total of 14 times and own a 13-1 record. The lone defeat took place in 2008 when Elba lost 17-7, while the Tigers have won the last nine games, including a 32-21 win in the last meeting in 2017.

*** *Newton* – The Tigers played the small Wiregrass school twice back the early days of football, battling to a 0- tie in 1926 and claiming a 7-0 win in 1935.

*** *Troy State* – The Tigers moved way up in class back in the early days and found the going a little too tough as they lost to the college team 13-6 in 1925 and 40-0 in 1926.

Area coaches back for another season

For the first time in a couple of years the coaching fraternity in the area will remain the same as all five head coaches will return for the 2021 high school football season.

The Elba Tigers will be back under the direction of second year head coach Marc Sieving. Sieving led the Tigers to a 6-4 record in his first season at Elba, the Tigers 14th straight winning season, and under his guidance the team averaged 38.8 points a game and allowed 23.5 points per game. A former coach at Enterprise, Sieving has made minor changes to his staff and has Elba fans excited about a return to the playoffs.

The New Brockton Gamecocks will have a familiar face roaming the sidelines this season as head coach Zack Holmes enters his third year as the head man. In his first two years at the helm, Holmes' teams have struggled to a 6-13 record, including a disappointing 1-7 record a

year ago. The Gamecocks averaged 18 points a game and allowed 38.6 points a game last season, and have posted a 17-24 record over the past four seasons.

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be under the leadership of the dean of area coaches as head coach Randy Bryant will be back for his fifth season at the Coffee County school. Bryant has led the Rebels to a 14-27 record in his four years on the sidelines, but saw his troops struggle a year ago as they posted a 1-9 record as the Rebels averaged 12.6 points per game and allowed 38.4 points per game last season. It was Zion Chapel's first losing season in three years.

The Kinston Bulldogs will be back under the guidance of head coach Rudy Free as the veteran coach enters his third year with the 'Dogs. Free has guided his team to a 5-14 record in his first two years at the helm, but last season saw the Bulldogs struggle to a 2-7 record. A year ago

the Bulldogs averaged 13.3 points a game and allowed 29.3 points per game. Kinston has posted a 7-2 record the last three seasons and have not advanced to the playoffs in six years.

The Brantley Bulldogs have been the 'Top Dogs' in the area for many years and with head coach Roland Jones back on the sidelines for his fourth season nothing is expected to change. Jones has led the Bulldogs to a 31-7 record in his three years as the head man at Brantley and last season led the team to a 13-1 record as the Bulldogs averaged 44.4 points per game and allowed only 8.4 points per game. Brantley as posted a 24-3 record the last two years on the gridiron and has been a playoff participant every year since 1996.



RANDY BRYANT - Zion Chapel head football coach, is the dean of coaches in the area as he enters his fifth season with the Rebels.

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A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. local time on Friday, August 6, 2021, at the meeting room of City Hall of Elba; 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama 36323. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

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CASE NO. PC 2021-047

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to NICOLE B. SESSIONS as administrator of the estate of Chad Frederick Sessions, deceased on the 28th day of May, 2021, by the Honorable Judge of Probate. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: EDITH ZIGLAR HOWARD, deceased

CASE NO. PC-2021-053

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Johnnie I. Howard on the 6th day of July, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Jerome Donaldson, Deceased.

CASE NO. PC-2021-054

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Jerome Donaldson, deceased, having been granted to Laurie Ramsey, Personal Representative, on the 8th day of July, 2021, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Elba Division

IN RE: The estate of LONNIE RAY COLEMAN, Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2021-042

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JAMES MARTIN as administrator of the estate of Lonnie Ray Coleman, deceased on the 27th day of July, 2020, by the Honorable Judge of Probate.

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The Zion Chapel Bass Team members are pictured here with team coaches. Those pictured include (l to r): Ethan Young, Kevin Dowdy Jr., Austin Johns, Avery Padgett, Coach Dana Haley, Peyton Fitzgerald, Trevor Lee, Jackson Dowdy, and Coach Larry Campbell. The team presented a special gift to Coach Dana Haley for all of her hardwork and leadership.

Zion Chapel Bass Team members honored at annual banquet

The Zion Chapel Bass Team (ZCBT) celebrated a successful year Friday night, July 9, with a team banquet/cookout, held at Ken and Charlotte Anderson's party barn on County Road 346, Elba, Ala.; however, for four of the anglers the season continues later this month when they will compete in a Nationals event in Tennessee.

The ZCBT members, coaches, boat captains, family and others gathered for a BBQ meal, including Boston Butt, rice, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and dips, deviled eggs, and desserts. The meal was prepared by Coach Dana Haley and family members.

Following the meal and a time of fellowship, coaches Dana Haley and Larry Campbell conducted a team awards ceremony. Each angler was recognized for his participation with the ZCBT, and presented a trophy, photos, and copies of newspapers from The Elba Clipper and Enterprise Ledger containing articles about the team. Each senior angler also received, as a keepsake, his personal yard sign recognizing him as a member of the team.

Throughout the season, the anglers competed in two-man teams for the competitions. Awards presented last Friday night reflected inner-team performances for the ZCBT members only.

Team Kaleb DeVos and Kevin Dowdy received the Angler of the Year award from coaches Haley and Campbell for their efforts in the BASS National High School Tiger Trail and East Alabama High School Bass Trail.

Team Avery Padgett and Ethan Young received the Angler of the Year award for the Wiregrass Student Angler Trail. This team also received the Big Fish award for the season, pulling in the largest fish amongst the Zion Chapel Team anglers this season.

The coaches also presented special gifts to boat captains and others for their support of the ZCBT program throughout the season.

The ZCBT banquet/cookout ended with a "good luck" for Team Padgett/Young and Team DeVos/K. Dowdy as these two teams qualified to compete the BASS National High School National Championship Tournament. This Nationals event will be held July 29-31 at Chickamauga Lake, Dayton, Tenn.

The teams will be allowed three days of practice before the tournament. For the tournament, all teams will fish the first two days, and the "Top 12" teams will fish the third day to determine the winners.

Coffee County School System seeks help identifying those with disabilities

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

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July meeting for DAV Chapter 99 set for July 22nd

The July 2021 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, July 22, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

All members that can attend, are urged to attend. There will be election of chapter officers for the year 2021 - 2022.

For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.



Kevin Dowdy Jr. (center) accepted the Angler of the Year award for the ZCBT from coaches Haley and Campbell. Team Dowdy/DeVos won this for their efforts in the BASS National High School Tiger Trail and East Alabama High School Bass Trail.



Ethan Young and Avery Padgett (center) accepted the Angler of the Year award for the ZCBT from coaches Haley and Campbell for Team DeVos/K. Dowdy for their efforts in the Wiregrass Student Angler Trail.

Elba Public Library to host Bilingual Story Time on Mondays

On Mondays, the Elba Public Library hosts Bilingual Story Time for children in grades 2-6. This will be held from 4-5 p.m.

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Elba Rec Department to host football camp

The Elba Recreation Department invites youngsters ages 7-12 to participate in its upcoming Football Camp.

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Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe accepting Low Income Home Energy Assistance apps on Mondays in July

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will be accepting Low Income Home Energy Assistance application for crisis and cooling for citizens of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama that reside in Alabama's Second Congressional District, on all Mondays in July from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Call 334-897-3207 or email machis@centurytel.net for an appointment.

Applicants will need tribal ID card, social security cards for all household members, Alabama State ID for all household members over 18, original bill. If the family receives assistance from TANF, or SNAP you must bring a copy of the letter, and proof of income for all household members over the age of 18.

RWCC meeting set for July 21st

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet July 21, at the Enterprise Country Club.

Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall will be the guest speaker. Social time begins at 11 am; an optional lunch buffet opens at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon.

All invited, but reservations required. Contact Jan to RSVP at 334-494-3763 or <rwccreservations@gmail.com> no later than July 18.

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This front view of the Elba Chamber office Tuesday morning shows the building's extensive damage from the Monday night, July 12, that destroyed the office.



This back view of the Elba Chamber office Tuesday morning clearly shows the fire most likely started in the kitchen area of the structure.

FIRE

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Reportedly, three young men leaving Mike's Gym were the ones to notice the fire at the Chamber building, and they immediately called 911 to report the blaze. Williams said she wanted to extend her gratitude to these young men for reporting the fire so officials could get on scene as quickly as possible.

City of Elba officials

released a statement Tuesday morning noting the following, "Last night was a sad night in Elba as we watched our Chamber of Commerce building burn. We want to thank Elba Fire, Enterprise Fire, New Brockton Fire, and Opp Fire for all the hard work and for keeping the fire contained. Additionally, we would like

to thank Enterprise Rescue, Elba Police, New Brockton Police, Elba 911 Dispatch, and Elba Water and Electric personnel for their assistance. We are sincerely grateful no one was injured. Our Chamber and director Sandy Bynum Williams lost a lot. However, we remain grateful everyone was safe, and all were able to go home safe."

CCBOE

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ommended by the superintendent and approved by board members during last Thursday evening's meeting.

Certificated employments included the hiring of Keith Hocutt as a teach (10 month contract) at New Brockton High School; the hiring of Chad Hodges as a teacher/band director at Kinston School for the upcoming school year; and the hiring of Connie Hawthorne as an instructional coach at Kinston School for the

upcoming school year.

The board accepted the resignation of Stephanie Sidanyez as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Regarding classified personnel, Samantha Smith was approved for a transfer from bookkeeper at Kinston School to bookkeeper/secretary at the central office. Also, three employments were approved, to include: Stephanie Strawn as bookkeeper at Kinston School for the upcoming school

year; Ashley Norris as secretary at Kinston School for the upcoming school year; and Samantha Gregory as a Pre-K aide at Zion Chapel School for the upcoming school year.

Also, during the meeting, the board approved the Salary Schedule for employees for the 2021-2022 school year. Killingsworth said the new schedule included salary increases approved by the state legislature.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, Aug. 5, at 5:30 p.m.

ELBA

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whether [or not] 210 additional days would be too much time thus encouraging the contractor to move more slowly to complete the project. Both the mayor and city clerk said they felt, based on their communications with the contractor, that the project would be completed sooner rather than later. The mayor added that the contractor still believes the project can be completed closer to the end of October rather than taking the 210 days as requested but had requested the maximum amount of extension time simply to prevent having to return for another extension should some unforeseen or unplanned issue slow the project down.

Council member A.R. Williams suggested during the discussion to consider only extended 105 days rather than 210, and council member Gappa Wise noted he was more inclined to go with 105 days only too. However, a motion was made to go ahead and approve a contract extension to Blankenship Contracting for an additional 210 days. This motion passed with a 4-1 vote [voting in favor were council members Williams, Jane Brunson, and Johnathan Lockett, along with Mayor Maddox; voting against was council member Wise; and council member Bryan Grimes was not at Monday evening's meeting].

After the meeting, Wise said he wanted to be clear that he was in favor of an extension, but he just felt 210 days was too long. He said he would have voted in favor of 105 days, as suggested, rather than the 210 days.

After the vote, Mayor Maddox said USDA would also have to approve the contract extension since grant monies are involved with this project, but he said the engineer sees no issues with that going through with USDA.

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